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WIFA Chairman Owens Announces \$7.5 Million Low-Interest Loan to Williams for New Wastewater Treatment Plant

PHOENIX – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Chairman Steve Owens announced today that WIFA has approved a \$7.5 million low-interest loan for the City of Williams for the design and construction of a new secondary wastewater treatment plant.

The new plant in Williams, which is in Coconino County, will nearly double the city's wastewater treatment capacity to 980,000 gallons a day. The plant is designed to remove pollutants from wastewater so the treated effluent can be used to irrigate a nearby golf course.

“This project will make a big difference in a fast-growing city like Williams,” said WIFA Board Chairman Owens, who is also director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. “This loan not only will help the city deal effectively with its wastewater infrastructure needs. It also will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest payments over the life of the loan.”

Williams' existing wastewater treatment plant has two manmade, aerated lagoons. The new treatment plant will be tied in with the existing lagoon system, which serves as a seasonal effluent storage reservoir and a reuse pump station.

The new wastewater plant will meet the Class B+ effluent requirement for reclaimed water. Under Class B+ water quality effluent limitations, secondary treatment, disinfection and nitrogen removal are required.

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. For more information, please visit WIFA's Web site, www.azwifa.gov.